

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

This Document Relates to:
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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER No. 9
RE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PLAINTIFFS'
ATTORNEYS' LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

From the outset of this MDL, the Court has expressed its concern that the requested leadership structure for plaintiffs' counsel has been too large. With that perspective, the Court has considered the various requests for reappointment to plaintiffs' leadership required under Case Management Order No. 6. (*See* Dkt. No. 451 at 3-4.) Having carefully considered the requests and having conducted *ex parte* meetings with certain plaintiffs' counsel following the January 26, 2024 further case management conference, the Court makes the following adjustments:

- Chris Seeger is appointed Counsel to the Co-Lead Counsel and Settlement Counsel, as opposed to a Co-Lead Counsel with day-to-day responsibilities. Lexi Hazam and Previn Warren shall remain as Co-Lead Counsel.
- Emily Jeffcott and Joseph VanZandt are appointed "Federal/State Liaisons," as opposed to members of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Leadership, given that they are currently actively engaged as the co-leads for California's Judicial Council Coordination Proceedings ("JCCP").
- James Bilborrow is appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Leadership.

- Ron Austin is removed from Plaintiffs' Steering Committee membership as he did not submit a request for reappointment as ordered.

Unless otherwise noted in this order, the leadership structure established in Case Management Order Nos. 1 and 6 remains in effect. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 75 at 1-3; 451 at 4-5.)

Plaintiffs' counsel are reminded that, under Case Management Order No. 6, the Court will consider adjustments to plaintiffs' leadership on a yearly basis. With respect to future requests for appointment, counsel are advised that the Court expects to receive, in support of each such request, timekeeping records for the preceding calendar year *with sufficient detail* to describe the work performed for that year in the categories outlined in the Common Benefit Order. (*See* Dkt. No. 169 at 8-10.) Most, but not all, counsel provided that detail in the pending submissions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 2, 2024


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE